



# ***OPL Programming manual for***

**SERIES**

S E R I E S **3c**

***and***

***Siena***

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**Important note:** This manual describes the use of OPL on the Series 5, Series 3c and Siena. **The versions of OPL which are available on the these three machines are not exactly the same.**

However, whenever information is given which is specific to one of the machines you will see the icons:



for the Series 5



for the Series 3c

and

*Siena*

for the Siena

These icons most frequently appear next to paragraphs which describe machine-dependent features. However, in some places they appear along side section headings, in which case that section and all its subsections are specific to the machine indicated. Where no indication is given that information is machine-dependent, you should assume it applies to all three machines.

In general, the Series 3c and Siena versions of OPL are the same, except in a few small points, and hence where you see the Series 3c icon and where information given is indicated as being specific to the Series 3c, it generally refers to **both the Series 3c and the Siena**, unless specific reference is made to the contrary.

Additionally you should note that the following two chapters are specific to the Series 5:

Chapter 6                      Series 5 Database Handling

Chapter 13                    Using OPXs on the Series 5

and the following Appendices:

Appendix E                  Listing of Const.oph for Series 5

Appendix F                  SQL Specification for Series 5